THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Child Labourers

†5176. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of child labourers in the country indicating their age-group;

(b) whether they come under B.P.L. category;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for employing child labourers on large scale in hazardous industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA) : (a) to (d) Authentic figures of child labour in the country are generated by the decennial census. According to the 1981 census, the estimated figure of working children in the age group of 5-14 was 13.6 million. As per-the 1991 Census the number of working children in the country was of the order of 11.28 million. The 2001 census figures regarding the working children have not yet been published.

Child labour is a socio-economic problem arising out of poverty and must be dealt with through sustained efforts over a long period of time. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual and sequential approach has been adopted for complete elimination of child labour, beginning with the children working in hazardous occupations.

Problems of teachers

5177. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to constitute a Committee to review the problems faced by teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, when was the proposal received and whether the Committee has been formed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and by when the Committee would be formed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) A

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.